

Management Plan for Blackwood Hill Reserve

1.0 Identification Details

- 1.1 Name of Land/reserve-----Blackwood Hill
- 1.2 Location-----Trevor Terrace / Craighburn Road, Blackwood
- 1.3 Certificates of title for lots
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| Sect.1041 | 5655/499 | (Craighburn Road) |
| Lot 91 | 5821/188 | (Craighburn Road) |
| Lots 1, 4, 6, 33 | 476/196 | (Clematis Drive) |
| Lot 14 | 5299/188 | (Clematis Drive) |
| Lot 30 | 5498/764 | (Clematis Drive) |
| Lots 2, 3, 5 | 476/196 | (Trevor Terrace) |
| Lot 8 | 5702/811 | (Trevor Terrace) |
| Lot 18 | 5498/623 | (Trevor Terrace) |
| Lot 19 | 5498/622 | (Trevor Terrace) |
| Lot 2 | 5286/100 | (Manson Avenue) |
- 1.4 Area (hectares)----- 23.3 hectares
- 1.5 Current Usage-----recreation, football, cricket, clubrooms, conservation

2.0 Owner

- City of Mitcham

3.0 Purpose for Which the Land is Held

- Recreation
- Organised sport - including current and potential sports which might be suited to the facility
- Conservation of woodland reserve

4.0 Reasons Why Management Plan is Required

- Land specifically modified for the benefit and enjoyment of the public
- Land occupied under a lease or licence

5.0 Objectives for Management of the Land

- To provide a public recreation facility to the local and wider community.
- To ensure equitable access to diverse recreation and sporting opportunities across the City.
- To comply with the objectives of the Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan.
- To safeguard the community by taking appropriate measures to control risk.
- To manage community assets held on their behalf by Council.

- To include the ability to offer short term leases/licences/permits for short term one-off events or short term club use.
- To allow for future leases/licences of a similar nature should current lease/licence holders not renew their agreements.

6.0 Policies and Proposals for the Management of the Land

- Consideration to be given to Council's policies which relate to the management of open space and community facilities - with particular reference to the Biodiversity policy and Water use and catchment protection policy.
- Consideration to be given the City of Mitcham's Development Plan and Open Space Strategy.
- Consideration to be given to By-Law No.3 - Local Government Land regarding the activities which can be undertaken on community land.
- Consideration to be given to By-Law No.6 - Dogs and a resolution of Council whereby the exercising of dogs may be restricted in some parks and reserves.
- Reference to be made to the general maintenance schedule for reserves and specifications for specific reserves where applicable.
- Proposals - see Schedule

7.0 Performance Targets

- See Schedule

8.0 Performance Measures

- See Schedule

9.0 Current Lease/Licence details

- 9.1 Sturt District Cricket Club currently holds a licence on behalf of local schools to use Blackwood Hill Oval for primary school cricket.
- 9.2 Blackwood Football Club currently holds a lease to utilise the Blackwood Hill Oval, clubrooms, car park, and storage areas associated with football activities.
- 9.3 Coromandel Cricket Club currently holds a licence to use the Blackwood Hill Oval and with consultation with the Blackwood Football Club utilise the toilet/change room facilities. The period of the licence is from the 1st of October until the 31st of March each year.

Unless otherwise stated in the licences / agreements, this reserve is available for community use.

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SCHEDULE

Management Issues	Proposals	Performance Targets	Performance Measures
Landscape Character for recreation area	<p>Maintain area for club sport/recreational use in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.</p> <p>Litter</p> <p>Fences and park furniture (inc. gazebos).</p> <p>Lighting (where installed)</p> <p>Paths</p> <p>Graffiti</p>	<p>Maintain existing character of the neighbourhood while providing an amenity for the local community.</p> <p>Bins/grounds checked regularly.</p> <p>State of furniture checked on a regular basis.</p> <p>Regular checks to replace faulty/broken lights.</p> <p>Check and repair as required.</p> <p>Offensive graffiti to be removed in 24 hours. All highly visible graffiti to be removed from Council property.</p>	<p>Reduction in the level of complaints regarding misuse of grounds or maintenance of area.</p> <p>Area to be free of litter.</p> <p>Located in suitable areas and kept in good repair.</p> <p>Lights are operational.</p> <p>Safe to use and clear of obstructions.</p> <p>Highly visible park structures and surrounds to be graffiti free.</p>
Landscape Character for conservation area	<p>Reflect the character of other surrounding conservation areas within the City of Mitcham.</p>	<p>Manage and maintain according to biodiversity principles and expectations.</p>	<p>Clear of all building material, garden waste, and general household waste.</p> <p>All fences are in good repair.</p> <p>All fire breaks accessible and in good repair.</p>
Clubrooms	<p>Adhere to the building maintenance program each year and to have completed each stage within the allocated time frame.</p>	<p>Inspections of all clubrooms conducted once a year.</p> <p>All clubroom inspections are documented in an Audit Report.</p>	<p>Building complies with the annual audit by budgeting, programming, completing all the identified works.</p> <p>All building work complies with DDA Plan.</p>
Oval	<p>Provided to a suitable level for general</p>	<p>Aeration or verti drain treatment to be used in</p>	<p>Quality of turf suitable for local community use</p>

	community use.	<p>areas of high use soil compaction and poor drainage.</p> <p>Appropriate fertilizers to be applied to areas of high use and at recommended rates for that particular soil type.</p> <p>Line marking of playing fields carried out by council at the beginning of each season.</p>	
Irrigation Systems	Provide a suitable automatic irrigation service that makes best possible use of resources while providing acceptable standards of turf.	<p>Automatic systems should be programmed to match the needs of a particular area in relation to soil types, grass type, use of area, climatic conditions and Government restrictions.</p> <p>Minor repairs to be undertaken as soon as practical.</p> <p>Major repairs to be included in scheduled works.</p> <p>Turf maintained to best level within relevant water restrictions.</p>	<p>Efficient use of water while delivering a quality grass surface.</p> <p>All watering carried out according to relevant prescribed water restrictions.</p>
Cricket Pitches	Concrete wickets are maintained by council to a level acceptable for community use	On hard wicket pitches, council will cover prior the onset of the football season with a sandy loam over the concrete surface.	Provision of even playing surface.
Exercising of Dogs	Allow for recreation areas to be set aside for both dog owners and/or other members of the public.	Reduce the number of complaints from other park users.	Compliance with all restrictions on the exercising of dogs.
Car Parking	Provide off road car parking for community use.	Car park is safe, accessible and maintained in a good condition.	Car park is clearly defined for community use, is free of pot holes and is easily accessible.
Tree Maintenance	Remove dead trees and limbs.	Trees to be in good health and safe for park users.	Dead trees are removed where dangerous and dead limbs of trees are removed where they

	Plant new trees.	Shade trees of appropriate species for the area to be planted. Creek lines to be planted with appropriate species.	pose a threat. Reserves and creeklines are enhanced by healthy, safe and appropriate species.
Native Vegetation	Endeavour to maintain and enhance any significant stands of native vegetation.	Sound management practices employed whereby areas of good native vegetation are protected and enhanced. Where native vegetation is of poorer quality, efforts are required to improve and enhance its viability.	Managed and maintained according to biodiversity principles and expectations - with the removal of woody weeds and provision of fire breaks to ensure a good balance of Grey Box and woodland plant associations.
Woodland Reserve	Maintain the Tom Roberts Horse Trail and other walking trails while preserving the woodland environment.	The trail is inspected on a biennial basis to ensure that the trail and signage is in good condition with impact on the environment kept to a minimum.	The trail is suitable for horse riding.
Creeklines	Maintain and enhance the natural character of the creekline. Improve water quality.	Creeklines to be clearly identified. Clearing of exotic vegetation from creek line environments is a long term goal. Replant with appropriate plant species. Manage creekline in accordance with legislation requirements and endeavour to manage creeklines in accordance with the Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan.	Water ways retained and managed so as to reflect water quality and storm water best practice in accordance with the Patawalonga Water Catchment Management Plan. Water management techniques employed to minimise erosion. Any work undertaken should not impact on the stability of the creek bank system. Development to comply with current EPA legislation.